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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

In re:

Catalino Castillo,

Debtor.

CHAPTER 7

Case No.: 2:15-bk-22018-RK

Adv. No.: 2:15-ap-01490-RK

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
TO COMPEL DEFENDANT TO RESPOND
TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR
PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

SCE Federal Credit Union,

Plaintiff,

v.

Catalino Castillo,

Defendant.

Date: March 28, 2017
Time: 2:30 PM
Courtroom: 1675

Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant to Respond to Request for Production of Documents and for Monetary Sanctions ("motion") filed on February 28, 2017 (ECF 41)

1 is hereby DENIED. Plaintiff has not complied with the “meet and confer” requirements
2 of Local Bankruptcy Rule (“LBR”) 7026-1. Plaintiff’s purported “meet and confer” letter
3 is simply a demand letter with no *bona fide* effort to arrange for a discovery dispute
4 motion prefilng conference between the parties and for the parties to meet and confer
5 by telephone or in person in such a prefilng conference. Plaintiff did not meet and
6 confer with defendant, the responding party, by telephone or in person to resolve the
7 discovery dispute in good faith and made no attempt to arrange such a conference.
8 Merely extending time for defendant as respondent to comply and demanding his
9 compliance is not equivalent to what LBR 7026-1 requires, i.e., an actual meeting of the
10 parties by telephone or in person in a good faith effort to resolve the discovery dispute
11 with plaintiff making the arrangements for such a conference before any discovery
12 dispute was brought. Plaintiff absolutely failed in its effort to satisfy these procedural
13 requirements of LBR 7026-1. The denial of the motion is without prejudice to plaintiff
14 complying with LBR 7026-1 in letter and in spirit.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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25 Date: March 29, 2017



Robert Kwan
United States Bankruptcy Judge